

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims to read as follows.

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1. A loading device for loading a web forming wire, said loading device comprising:

a fixed base member;

a movable loading member coupled to said base member, said loading member structured and arranged to move in a vertical fashion relative to said base member to thereby apply a loading force to said wire;

C! means for introducing a pressure medium below said movable loading member to generate said vertical movement of said loading member;

roller means including at least one roller structured and arranged to support said loading member such that the force generated against said loading member by said wire is directed against a side of said roller whereby jamming of said loading member is prevented; and

wherein said at least one roller is coupled to said base member by a rotating shaft to enable the rotation of said roller.

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*Marked-up version of claims as amended.*

1. A loading device for loading a web forming wire, said loading device comprising:

a fixed base member;

a movable loading member coupled to said base member, said loading member structured and arranged to move in a vertical fashion relative to said base member to thereby apply a loading force to said wire[, wherein said vertical movement of said loading member is generated by introducing a pressure medium below said movable loading member];

means for introducing a pressure medium below said movable loading member to generate said vertical movement of said loading member;

roller means including at least one roller structured and arranged to support said loading member such that the force generated against said loading member by said wire is directed against a side of said roller whereby jamming of said loading member is prevented; and

wherein said at least one roller is coupled to said base member by a rotating shaft to enable the rotation of said roller.

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